

ternal improvement are completing, in others, they are preparing. And the spirit to carry them into full effect actively alive. But this spirit can do nothing without the fostering care of this legislature, holding, as it does, the purse strings of the state.

The liberality manifested by the general assembly at its last session, toward the contemplated improvements on the Potomac and Susquehannah, did it immortal honour in the views of the union, but this liberality has not worked any practical effect, owing to certain accidental conditions with which it was clogged.

In order to render these more subservient to the spirit of enterprise, your committee have thought proper to prepare a bill supplementary to the act of last session, entitled, An act for the promotion of internal improvement, in which supplement those conditions are modified and altered, so as to give effect to the appropriations, without endangering the resources of the state. This bill provides, that when the congress of the United States shall have guaranted to Maryland the right of intersecting the Chesapeake and Ohio canal through the district of Columbia, and shall have authorised a subscription on the part of the union to at least one thousand shares in this canal, then the appropriation by this state of \$500,000, shall be at the disposal of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company. It also provides, that when eight thousand shares of the capital stock of the Pennsylvania and Maryland canal company shall have been subscribed by bona fide and competent subscribers, then \$500,000, intended originally as an appropriation to the proposed Susquehannah and Patapsco canal company, shall be at the disposal of the company last incorporated. This bill provides also for the repeal of all clauses in the act for the promotion of internal improvement, inconsistent with the provisions of the supplement, and repeals all inconsistent parts of the act incorporating the Susquehannah and Patapsco canal company; the last clause of the bill provides for the payment of the two unpaid instalments guaranted to the Chesapeake and Delaware canal company.

The house of delegates will perceive that their committee on internal improvement have pursued the policy so admirably and successfully pursued at the last session of assembly, of uniting the contrariant or disjointed interest of the state under our common and equal guardianship, giving to each in proportion to its necessities, having none unsupplied; thus concentrating what would otherwise be discordant, in harmonious co-operation, towards the accomplishment of those vast projects of internal improvement, which when consummated will place the state of Maryland upon the highest pinnacle of glory—a glory derived from the most durable sources, from an everlasting influx and efflux of foreign and domestic wealth, from industry, and consequent virtue and happiness.

Your committee close this report by recommending in the most earnest manner to the friends of internal improvement, this compromising course of policy, which alone will insure success. In relation to this subject it may most emphatically be said "united we stand, divided we fall." A similar course of policy